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Communications Corner



"SINCE YOU ASKED..."

Third Thursday of Every Month in The Miami Herald Beach Neighbors
or e-mail your questions to: 305-673-2023 or jcalderon@herald.com

Tune-in to Cable Channel 20 for Commission meetings & the City's E-News.



Learn what's happening in the City by visiting the City's Website at www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CiviCall

(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission

305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager

305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)

305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)

305-673-7120

Parks & Recreation

305-673-7730

Parking

305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline

305-673-7777

City Clerk

305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment

305-633-2700

Water & Sewer

305-673-7625



South Beach Service Team Responds to Commercial Districts' Needs

In response to concerns by the South Beach business community about the overall community appearance and the effectiveness of City maintenance programs within the area, the City has implemented a pilot program, South Beach Service Team (SBST), that will revamp its delivery of services in the South Beach commercial area. SBST will augment and refine the delivery of City services beginning with Lincoln Road and Ocean Drive by employing an interdepartmental, geographically focused approach. The goal of the SBST program is to increase the efficiency of current efforts and to expand them based on identified service needs.



frequency of litter removal and container emptying during peak traffic periods; augmenting biweekly sidewalk pressure cleaning with more frequent machine scrubbing; ensuring that foliage and seasonal plantings are consistently weeded, mulched and replaced as needed; increasing the frequency of maintenance of light fixtures and fountains; providing for more frequent cleaning and painting of the surfaces of planter walls, shade structures, signs, light poles, trash cans, and other items that are subject to being marred by scuffing and stickers; and ensuring compliance with newsrack regulations.

Changes include extended hours of hand litter removal and trash can emptying to late in the evening when pedestrian traffic is often at its highest; increasing the fre-

Upon demonstration of the SBST's effectiveness as a pilot program, the initiative will be expanded into a permanent program and utilized as a test program for possible introduction into other areas of the city.

Summer Recreation Programs are Fun...tastic!

With school almost out for the summer, the Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department is already planning a large array of activities to keep kids of all ages and abilities active throughout the long, hot summer days. Children can choose from a wide assortment of specialty camps or choose one of the many full-day summer camps.

New specialty camps this year are camps in Basketball, Computer, earth Art, Camp WATA and Junior Lifeguard. Other specialty camps offerings include: Rowing, Ice Skating, Performing Arts, Hockey, Sports, Baseball, Soccer, Marine Biology, Golf, Fishing, Watersports, Nature, and Tennis. Sessions run on a weekly basis.

For those who would enjoy a full-day summer

camp experience filled with games, sports, dance, arts and craft, field trips, ice skating, swimming, and more, the City offers several throughout the City.

All camps are all structured and fully supervised by a well-trained staff. Visa/Mastercard payments will be accepted at some locations. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 305-673-7730 to obtain a free copy of the summer guide.



Miami Beach Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

72nd Street Beach

Free concert featuring Paye, Marco Prado, Marleni, Willy Chirino and the Chirino Sisters, and fireworks!

City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."



Ignacio Valdez, Roman Martinez, John Ellis, Michelle Cullen, Director Gus Lopez, Ana Lichenstein, Anabelle Alvarez, Larry Rogers, Shirley Thomas, Mirtha Perez-Jimenez, and Adeola Osoba.

At Your Service!

The Procurement Department is dedicated to providing professional and efficient procurement services and supports all the activities of the City of Miami Beach, which includes financial responsibility and community service through contracting for all commodities and services; by maintaining procedures which foster fair and open competition, inspiring public confidence that all contracts are awarded equitably and economically; and by acquiring the greatest possible value and quality in the services and products purchased.

The department's goal is to implement efficient, effective, and economical initiatives that result in the best value for the taxpayers dollar. A recent initiative is the implementation of a cost savings program which will result in identifiable and qualitative savings generated by staff. The cost savings generated will be based on the initiative and bright ideas of staff, and procurement best practices.

For more information on how to register as a City vendor or to obtain a list of current RFPs, RFQ, and ITBs, call 305-673-7490 or log on to www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us.

Community Heroes Awards 2001

recognized the achievements of the following individuals who made a significant contribution to the Miami Beach community.

Individual: **Gloria Rivera**

Business Partner: **Landmark Companies**

Non-profit organization: **Jewish Community Services**

Government Agency: **City of Miami Beach Neighborhoods First Support Team**

Hurricane Season begins June 1.

Now is the time to prepare: prune trees, register Special Needs residents, and have an evacuation plan. For information on how to plan, call 305-673-7123.



Sec. 90-105.

Disposal and Special Handling of Garden, Tree & Shrubbery Trash

KNOW THE CODES

All property owners or occupants serviced by the city shall have two options for disposal of their garden trash and tree and shrubbery trash: owners or occupants of property may either containerize garden trash or bundle tree and shrubbery trash for city collection; or the owner or occupants may transport such material to a regulated stash areas and deposit it there at their own expense. Material that is containerized or bundled shall be placed at curbside no sooner than the evening prior to the scheduled collection day. Garden trash shall be placed into garbage cans, plastic bags or other weatherproof containers strong enough to support the weight of the material but not to exceed 50 pounds, tree and shrubbery trash shall be tied in bundles with material strong enough to support the weight of the bundle, such bundle not to exceed 50 pounds; all of which are to be placed curbside for the contractor to pick up on a regular collection day.



Parking Debit Cards

The Easiest Way to Park & Ride

Smartcards can be used at all Miami Beach municipal parking meters and on the Electrowave. Smartcards cards can be purchased at Miami Beach Publix Supermarkets, the City's Parking Department, and City Hall. For other locations throughout the City, call 305-673-7505 or 305-673-PARK (7275).



Enjoy a **free** celebration of the arts every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call 305-673-7500 or 2ndthursdays.com.

Traffic Advisories

Want to know what streets to avoid because of traffic delays due to construction, log on to the City's website, www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us, for a weekly construction traffic advisory or check in Sunday's Miami Herald Neighbors section.

For information on the Electrowave route, call 305-535-9160.



Women's Health Forum

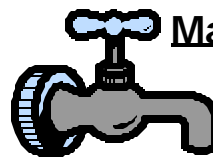
Sponsored by the City of Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women

Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm

Mt. Sinai Hospital, Founder's Dining Room

Among the topics to be discussed are Osteoporosis and Breast Cancer

For more information, call 305-644-9111



Mandatory Water Restrictions Are Still in Effect

Violators will be Fined!

Watering is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 - 8 a.m. for homes with addresses that end with an odd number. And, Thursdays and Sundays for homes ending with an even number or with no address. Watering by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed from 5 - 7 p.m. everyday except Fridays. New landscaping, planted for less than 30 days, may be watered Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2 - 8 a.m. New landscaping may be watered at any time by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle. Washing of cars, boats and other equipment is permitted 4 - 8 a.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. on the landscape watering days. For information on other restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.

If you have a business or live in North Beach, you are invited to a **North Beach**

Town Center Charrette

Thursday, June 7, 5:30 p.m.

Radisson Deauville Resort
6701 Collins Avenue

For more information, contact Katia Hirsh or Joyce Meyers at 305-673-7550